

TABLE TENNIS EXPERTS . . . A special girls table tennis program is being sponsored for the second year by the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department. Director of the program is Allen Watt. Top scorers Barbara Schell (left) and Frankie Rogers show Watt how they play, while Debbie Cagliostra and Shelley Merrell watch.

Table Tennis Program Under Way

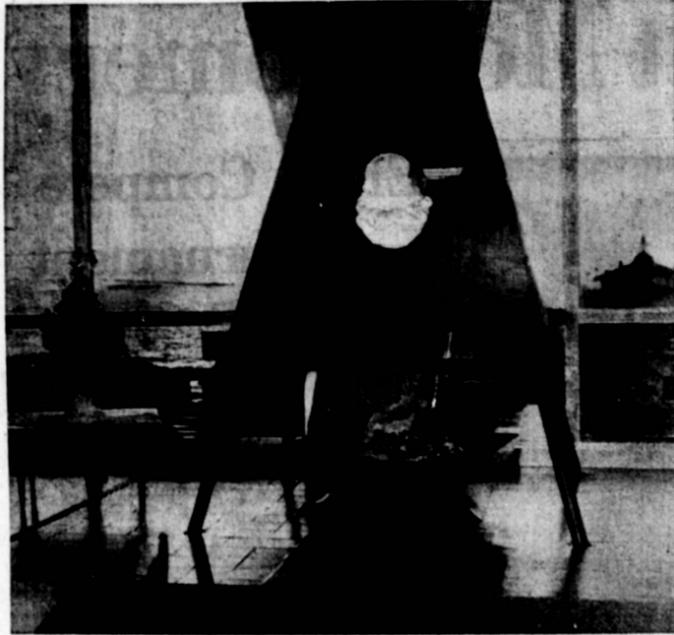
A table tennis program for girls, now in its second year, is being sponsored by the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department. A self governing club has been formed to train the girls in the fine art of table tennis. Membership is open to all girls 12 to 18 years of age. Meetings are held each Tuesday from 7 until 9 p.m. in the El Retiro Park recreation building. Play is conducted under a handicap system developed by Allen Watt, director of the program for the Sportsmen's Club. Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Gloria Jensen at the Torrance Recreation Department.



DIRECTS SALES . . . Henry N. Bartelt of Torrance has been promoted to director of the cargo sales department for Western Air Lines. He has been cargo sales manager and will continue to direct system-wide activities in this field. Bartelt joined Western in 1946 and has held a number of cargo management and sales positions with the firm.

New Charities Program Efficient, Hahn Says

More efficient operation of county hospitals and the Bureau of Public Assistance was predicted this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who spearheaded the move to divide the county's Charities Department into separate operations. Voters approved splitting the Charities Department, which annually administers more than half of the county budget, into three separate departments for more streamlined operations at the Nov. 8 election. The Charities Department reorganization grew out of Hahn's demand in January for "drastic changes" in welfare administration and a "complete overhaul" of the Charities Department. On Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors this week named William A. Barr as director of hospitals. Barr was formerly superintendent of the entire charities program. Ellis P. Murphy, formerly assistant superintendent of charities in charge of the Bureau of Public Assistance, was named director of public social services. Still unfilled is the position of director of adoptions. Hahn emphasizing that dividing the functions of the Department of Charities will result in direct lines of communications to the supervisors and more efficient operation.



HOLIDAY WARMTH . . . This scene made at the Redondo Branch of the American Savings at 205 Pacific Ave. is a symbol of Christmas in Southern California, bolstered by the calm and strength of the sea shown through the glass wall of the modern structure. The scene also portrays the feeling of strength and security offered by American Savings to its savers.

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Texas Has Produced Super Salesman for U. S. Bonds

There are some people who think that U. S. Government saving bonds aren't a particularly attractive investment. Nevertheless, sales are booming: November sales were 9 per cent higher than a year earlier, and sales of low denomination E bonds were the highest for any November since World War II.

What is the secret of the successful bond sale drive? According to the Wall Street Journal, a good part of the success may be due to strong arm tactics on federal employees and defense industry workers. According to the Journal, complaints of coercion have been mounting to Congress. Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., chairman of the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, plans to press legislation next year "to curb coercive solicitations and other invasions of federal employees' rights."

"Voluntary savings bond programs conducted by the Defense Department and other agencies are as voluntary as the tides of the seas to the commands of the moon," Senator Ervin charges.

President Johnson has urged massive bond buying to help avoid a possible tax increase. Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien, who isn't exactly the subtle type, heads up the bond-buying campaign within the Government.

In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Freeman, Mr. O'Brien urged the Agriculture Department to step up the bond drive "by calling in your key people again and emphasizing in terms beyond misunderstanding that the President personally is following the progress of this campaign and he will accept nothing less than the minimum immediate goal of 75 per cent, will consider nothing less than realization of long-range goal of 90 per cent, and will be satisfied with nothing less than achievement of the 100 per cent record established by the White House."

An official bulletin issued by the National Science Foundation reads: "Are you prudent and intelligent? Have you signed up to buy bonds or are you a rebel without a cause who wants a little attention?"

At one army installation, a memorandum from headquarters stated that "en-

listed men who are not participating in the savings bond program will be counseled by their respective commanders."

In spite of a mountain of evidence to the contrary, U. S. Civil Service Commission insists that arm twisting is against government policy. Actually, in spite of the record number of sales, the policy may be self-defeating, as there is nothing to prevent resentful bond buyers from promptly cashing them in—as apparently a great many are doing.

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Industrial News Editors Praise America's Might

By THE EDITORS
Industrial News Review

As the last sheet is torn from the calendar the pundits, commentators, financial and editorial writers pause with pen in hand to take a retrospective look at the year 1966. They will find that it was a good year in many respects. The economic indices continued to reflect a general state of affluence that the nation has enjoyed for 20 years.

The blatant evidence of this affluence has bothered those who find it difficult to reconcile the tragedy that men are facing in Viet Nam with a persistent demand at home for a life of greater ease and comfort. The truth is that while the output of United States industry poured a flood of material well-being across the land, there was no stinting on military requirements.

The productive capacity of this country has become so great that it can sustain a major war effort without interrupting our peacetime lives, and judging by reports at the end of the year, there is growing evidence that the communist world is not a monolithic force after all. Serious as it is, the war in Viet Nam and the threat of worldwide communism may have less of a bearing on the shaping of the American future than events that have been taking place right here at home.

In the midst of prosperity, there has been a rising discontent that is difficult to explain. At a time when major industries and business leaders are devoting a

large part of their energies to helping solve broad social and economic problems, a deep-rooted movement is sweeping across the country that could well undermine the private enterprise, free market economic system.

During 1966, extensive investigations into the motives and the performances of many basic industries reached a new high. The maladjustments of inflation have been blamed on industry. Toward the end of this past summer, consumers turned their wrath on retail distribution. Housewives picketed stores and demanded price reductions.

Simultaneously, striking unions made a shambles of the government's wage guidelines. Wages increases threatened to outstrip productivity increases. All of these things promise to raise a fundamental issue to which most citizens have given no thought.

The issue that is being raised by the striking housewives, striking workers and investigative government bodies, involves the question of whether or not our private enterprise, capitalistic system, which functions on the profit motive, is to be retained? The growing discontent, if it runs deep enough, will result in legislative action that will alter irrevocably the system under which we have lived since the founding of the nation.

Since any fair examination of the record will reveal the great benefits that have been derived from competitive capitalism, we must assume that the present discontent is based on

misunderstanding — a misunderstanding that has been encouraged by irresponsible political actions that have led to the depreciation of the dollar.

The rise of discontent among U.S. citizens, if not resolved, may well lead to the crippling of productivity and the erosion of liberty, as controls are substituted for the laws of supply and demand in a free market—a market that is incomparably the best in the world.

Life magazine describes its accomplishments in a few sentences: "American housewives, many of whom are engaged in supermarket boycotts to protest the high cost of food, spend an average 18.2 per cent of their families' take-home pay to buy that food. In 1960 they were spending 20 per cent and in 1947, 24.6 per cent. In France, housewives dedicate 30 per cent of their family budget to food. In Japan the rate is 43 per cent, and in the Soviet Union — something between 50 per cent and 60 per cent."

As the new year opens, we should all vow to try a little harder to understand what makes the wheels go around in the United States. That is the biggest task we face in 1967. Only through understanding can we erase excessive discontent and mistrust. Only through understanding of bread and butter facts of our economic system can we hope to retain the good and abundant life that we have enjoyed in the past — to say nothing of freedom and our stature as a world power.

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